

**193E—23.3(543B) Selection of grant proposals.** A majority vote of the committee as a whole is required to award any and all grants under this program. All votes of the committee to award any and all grants under this program shall be made in open session at a meeting of the committee.

**23.3(1)** Evaluation of proposals. All applications completed as directed and submitted within the time frames allowed will be evaluated by the committee. Each committee member will recommend and advise action on each application.

**23.3(2)** Final discretion. The committee shall have full and final discretion on the awarding of grants. The committee's decisions regarding grant applications are not appealable to the commission. The commission will not and is not authorized to consider committee award decisions.

**23.3(3)** Factors in selection. The following factors will be considered in selecting proposals for grant awards:

- a.* The demonstrated need for or value of the project.
- b.* The support of and coordination with the applicant's existing program.
- c.* The course/program structure, including how realistic goals and objectives are, likelihood of the anticipated impact on the area addressed, experience serving similar populations or providing similar services, administration of funds, stability of the organization and the overall quality of the proposal in comparison to other proposals submitted.

- d.* Plans for use of funds. Grant funds may not be used for construction, capital improvements, or purchase of real estate.

**23.3(4)** The sum total of the grant, or grants, awarded shall not exceed the amount of funds available in the grant account on the date the committee votes to award the funds.

**23.3(5)** Applying for a grant does not entitle the applicant to any funds. The committee shall have sole discretion to decide which, if any, application shall be funded and in what amount.